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GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET VIEWS ON BASKET III

1. AT STAG DINNER HOSTED BY BULGARIAN CHARGE, SOVIET DCM RAISED CSCE WITH EMBOFF, TAKING GENERAL LINE THAT PRINCIPLES IN BASKET ONE ALL IMPORTANT WHILE BASKET III SECONDARY AND SHOULD NOT BE LINKED FOR EXAMPLE TO INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS ISSUE. HE RIDICULED IMPORTANCE OF BASKET III, USING AS EXAMPLE PROPOSAL THAT ALL FILMS BE ALLOWED TO BE VIEWED IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH NO ACCOUNT TAKEN OF CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

2. LATER IN CONVERSATION, ALGERIAN DCM ASKED SOVIET QUESTION ABOUT SOLZHENITSYN, TO WHICH SOVIET DCM CLAIMED THAT FACT PRESS WAS PAYING LESS ATTENTION TO HIM NOW JUSTIFIED SOVIET TACTIC IN EXPELLING RATHER THAN TRYING HIM. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER SOVIETS HAD SOLZHENITSYN IN MIND IN CONTINUING CRITICISM OF FRENCH PRESS FOR "ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN" IN FRANCE, SOVIET DCM SAID THIS
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WAS INDEED THE CASE. THE SOVIETS FELT CERTAIN ELEMENTS

IN FRANCE WERE TRYING TO USE SOLZHENITSYN TO BLOCK
PROGRESS AT CSCE BY PLAYING UP DIFFERENCES ON THIRD
BASKET ISSUES AND URGING UNREASONABLE DEMANDS.

3. COMMENT. SOVIET DCM'S COMMENTS HELP EXPLAIN WHY
SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SO SENSITIVE TO WHAT THEY TERM ANTI-
SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN FRENCH PRESS. IN RECENT MONTHS,
FRENCH COMMUNISTS AND FRANCE-USSR SOCIETY HAVE MADE THIS
ISSUE CENTERPIECE OF THEIR PROPAGANDA. DIRECT LINKAGE
OF THIS BY SOVIET DCM WITH BASKET III INDICATES SOVIETS
VIEWED FRENCH TREATMENT OF SOLZHENITSYN AS PREJUDICIAL
OF THEIR EFFORTS TO FOSTER "REALISTIC" FRENCH POSITION
ON BASKET III ISSUES. IT ALSO SHOWS THE SIGNIFICANT
WEIGHT WHICH THE CSCE IS CURRENTLY PLAYING IN FRENCH-
SOVIET RELATIONS.
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